

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 01-1775

United States of America,

Appellee,

v.

Ernest Carl Crank,

Appellant.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the Southern
District of Iowa.

[UNPUBLISHED]

Submitted: October 22, 2001

Filed: October 25, 2001

Before LOKEN, FAGG, and BEAM, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

After a jury found Ernest Carl Crank guilty of conspiring to distribute cocaine and cocaine base, distributing cocaine base, and distributing cocaine, the district court sentenced Crank to concurrent prison terms of 245 months on each of the conspiracy and cocaine-base-distribution counts, and 240 months on the cocaine-distribution count. Because the indictment did not charge any specific drug quantity and the jury did not make any finding as to drug quantity, we vacated all but the cocaine-distribution sentence and remanded for resentencing in light of Apprendi v. New Jersey, 120 S. Ct. 2348, 2362-63 (2000). The district court resentenced Crank to 240 months on each count, with all terms to be served concurrently, and Crank appeals.

His counsel has filed a brief under Anders v. California, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), and Crank has filed a pro se supplemental brief. We reject Crank's appeal and affirm.

Crank argues his new sentence is still invalid under Appendi. This argument fails because his new sentence does not exceed the statutory maximum term of imprisonment he faced on his offenses without regard to drug quantity. See 21 U.S.C. § 841(b)(1)(C); United States v. Chavez, 230 F.3d 1089, 1091 (8th Cir. 2000). Crank also argues the government failed to prove a controlled substance was present during the transactions underlying his conviction. This argument is foreclosed by our holding in his first appeal that the evidence was sufficient to support his convictions. Crank further complains his indictment was constructively amended when the court instructed the jury on the elements of aiding and abetting. We need not consider this issue, as it could have been raised in Crank's prior appeal. See United States v. Montoya, 979 F.2d 136, 138 (8th Cir. 1992).

Finally, Crank argues the district court should have required preparation of another presentence report (PSR) before resentencing. Given the limited basis of our remand, we reject this argument as well. Cf. United States v. Prado, 204 F.3d 843, 845 (8th Cir. 2000) (appellant not entitled to new PSR before resentencing, as initial sentence was vacated only for purposes of reinstating right to direct criminal appeal).

Having reviewed the record independently, in keeping with Penson v. Ohio, 488 U.S. 75 (1988), we find no nonfrivolous issues.

Accordingly, we affirm.

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